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Glossary

- **“The Agencies”** or **“the Chartering Agencies”** means the Washington State Departments of Agriculture, Ecology, Health, and the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development.
- **“Child-use area”** means any area that children routinely use and play in, including schools, parks, commercial childcare centers, and home-based childcare facilities.
- **“Elevated”** and **“contaminated”** both mean that soil has concentrations of arsenic or lead greater than the current MTCA cleanup standards of 20 mg/kg arsenic and 250 mg/kg lead.
- **“Exposure”** means coming into contact with contaminated soil. The route of exposure that is most relevant for area-wide soil contamination is ingestion of contaminated soil, either from inhaling and then swallowing soil particles or from directly placing soil into the mouth and swallowing it (for example, by eating with dirty hands).
- **“Low-to-moderate”** contamination refers to concentrations of contaminants that are generally higher than those naturally present in Washington soils but generally lower than those found in areas where smelting operations occurred or where lead arsenate pesticides were mixed and formulated. As Ecology currently uses the term, arsenic concentrations of up to 100 mg/kg and lead concentrations of up to 500–700 mg/kg are low-to-moderate levels of contamination for schools, childcare centers, and residential land uses. For properties where exposure of children is less likely or less frequent, such as commercial properties, parks, and camps, arsenic concentrations of up to 200 mg/kg and lead concentrations of up to 700–1,000 mg/kg are within the low-to-moderate range.

Acronyms and Abbreviations

CPSC	United States Consumer Product Safety Commission
DSHS	Washington State Department of Social and Health Services
Ecology	Washington State Department of Ecology
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
GIS	Geographic Information System
HEPA	high efficiency particulate air
HUD	United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
mg/kg	milligrams per kilogram (numerically equivalent to parts per million)
MTCA	Model Toxics Control Act
NWFPA	Northwest Food Processors Association
NWMLS	Northwest Multiple Listing Service
OSHA	United States Occupational Safety & Health Administration
OSPI	Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
PAC	Policy Advisory Committee
SEPA	State Environmental Policy Act
STARS	State Training and Registry System
Task Force	Area-Wide Soil Contamination Task Force
WAR	Washington Association of Realtors
WISHA	Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act
WSDA	Washington State Department of Agriculture
XRF	X-ray fluorescence